



D^* production in DIS at low Q^2



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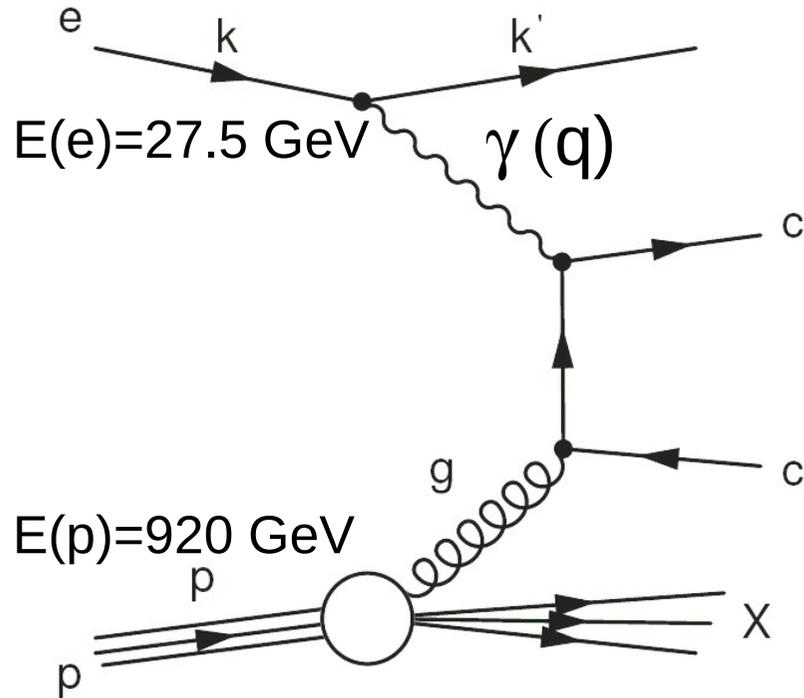
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D^* production in deep-inelastic scattering at low Q^2



D^* production: boson-gluon-fusion

Dominant process for charm-production in ep -scattering:



Kinematic at $\sqrt{s} \approx 320$ GeV:

- Photon Virtuality:

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k - k')^2$$

$Q^2 \sim 0$ GeV²: Photoproduction

$Q^2 > 2$ GeV²: Deep Inelastic Scattering

- Inelasticity:

$$y = \frac{qp}{kp}$$

Bjorken x :

$$x := \frac{Q^2}{2(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q})}$$

D^* via Fragmentation:

- Pseudorapidity:

$$\eta = \ln \tan \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

- Transverse momentum:

$$p_t$$

- Elasticity:

$$z = \frac{E(D^*) - p_z(D^*)}{2 \cdot y E_e}$$

Study production mechanism:

- Q^2 , m_c^2 or p_T^2 provides a hard scale for pQCD
- Test of heavy flavor treatment in pQCD
- Parton densities ("gluon structure") in the proton

→ multiscale problem

→ test universality





Theoretical models

Factorisation ansatz:

$$d\sigma = \sum_{i,j,k} f_j^B(x_2, \mu_f) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow kX}(\mu_f) \otimes D_k^H(z, \mu_f)$$

Parton density functions (PDFs):
from global fits to data

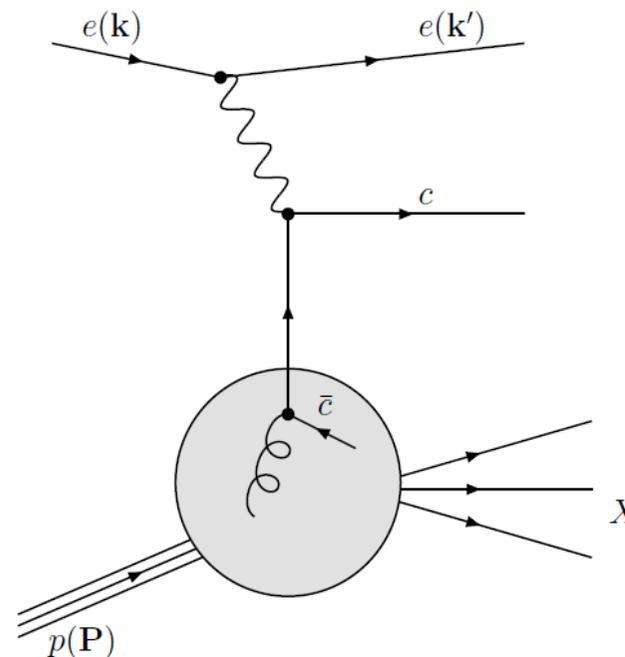
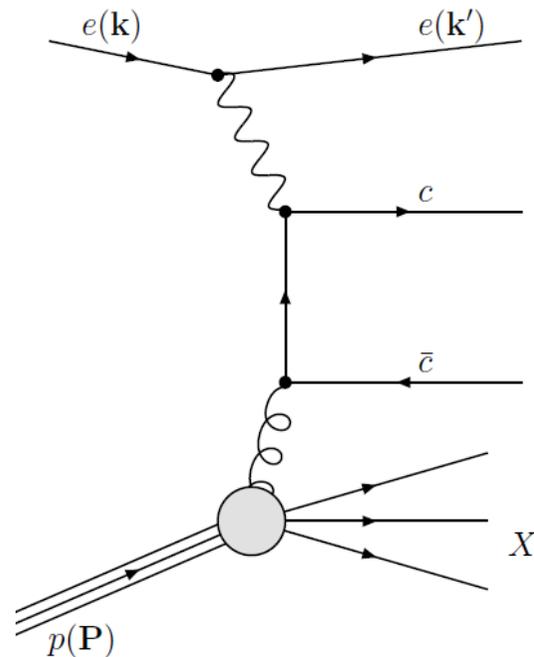
Matrix element: calculable
to different orders of α_s

Fragmentation function:
from data

Many approaches on the market:

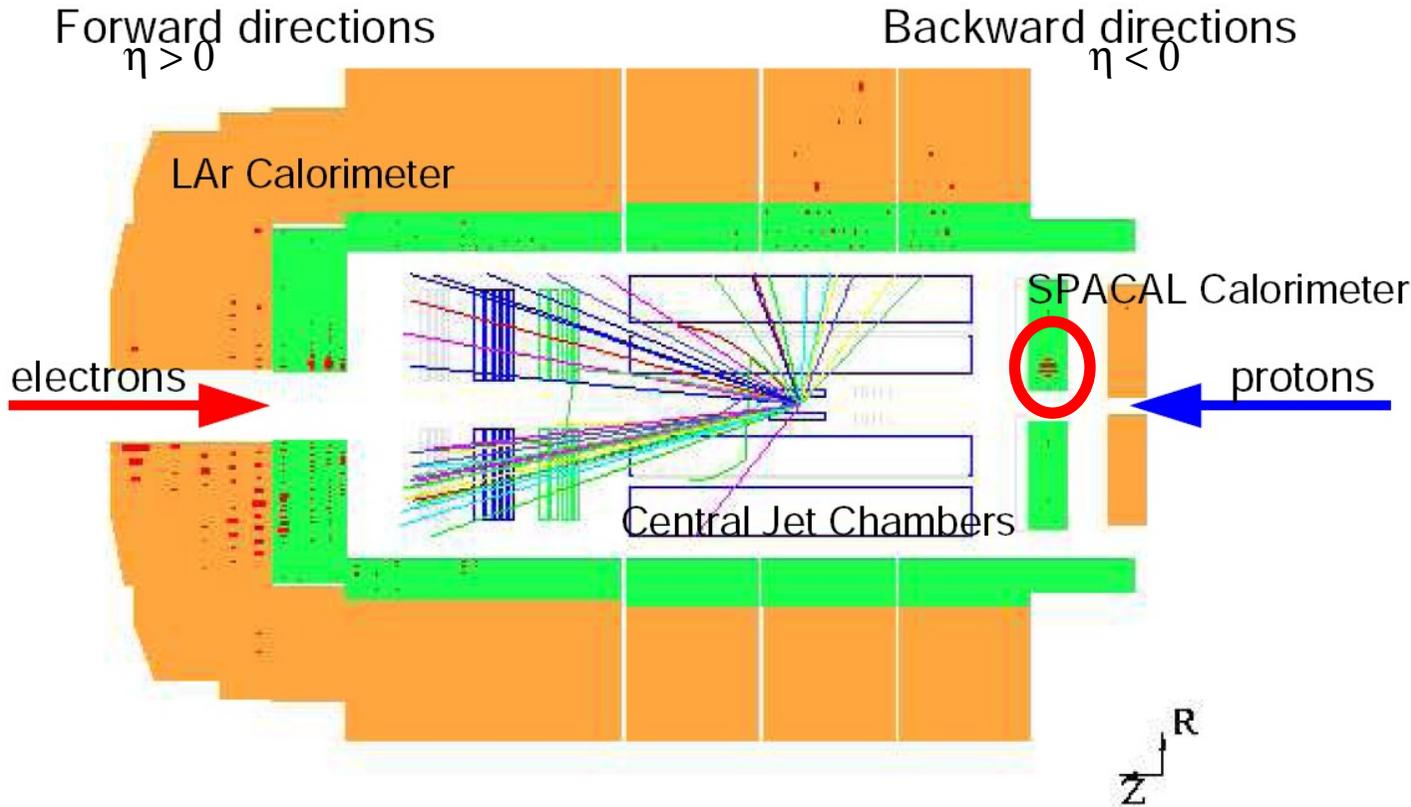
• $NLO(\alpha_s^2)$: HVQDIS (FFNS, massive)

vs. ZMVFNS (ZM-VFNS, massless)





Event selection & techniques



- Scattered electron in backward calorimeter:
 $5 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$
- High statistic region of DIS
- Tracks reconstructed in Central Jet Chambers

Experimental techniques:

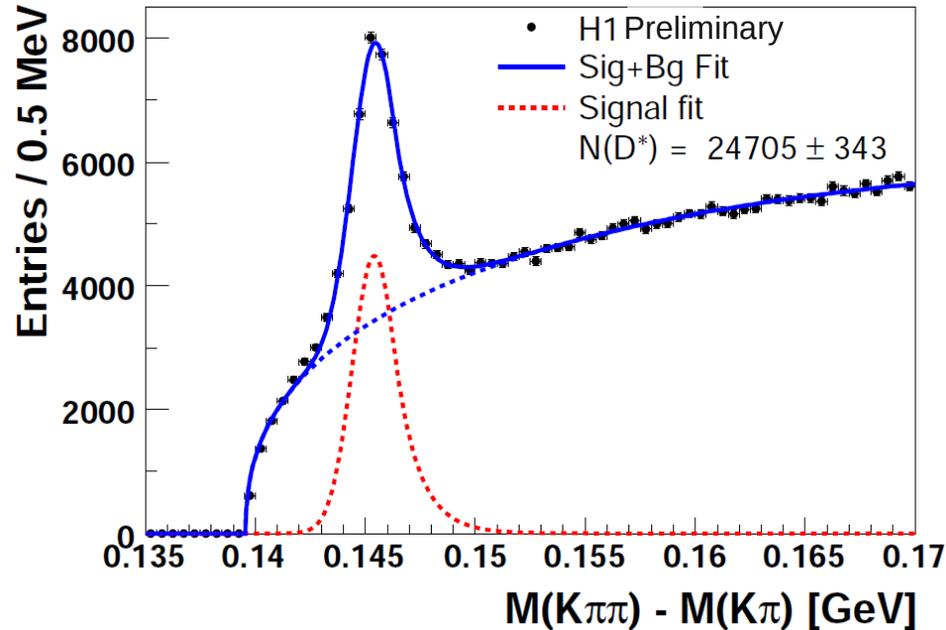
- Fully reconstructed D^* :
total BR of 2.57%

$$D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_{slow}^{\pm} \rightarrow (K^{\mp} \pi^{\pm}) \pi_{slow}^{\pm}$$



Event selection & techniques

D* in DIS:



- Decay: $D^{*\pm} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_{slow}^{\pm} \rightarrow (K^{\mp} \pi^{\pm}) \pi_{slow}^{\pm}$
- Higher resolution in mass difference:
$$\Delta M = M(K\pi\pi) - M(K\pi)$$
- Select events by mass difference ΔM
- Apply dE/dx to reduce bg
- Well understood detector allows
phase space increase in p_T and η :

$$5 < Q^2 < 100 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$0.02 < y < 0.70$$

$$p_T(D^*): > 1.25 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta(D^*)| < 1.8$$

DIS sample (int. Lum. = 347 pb⁻¹):

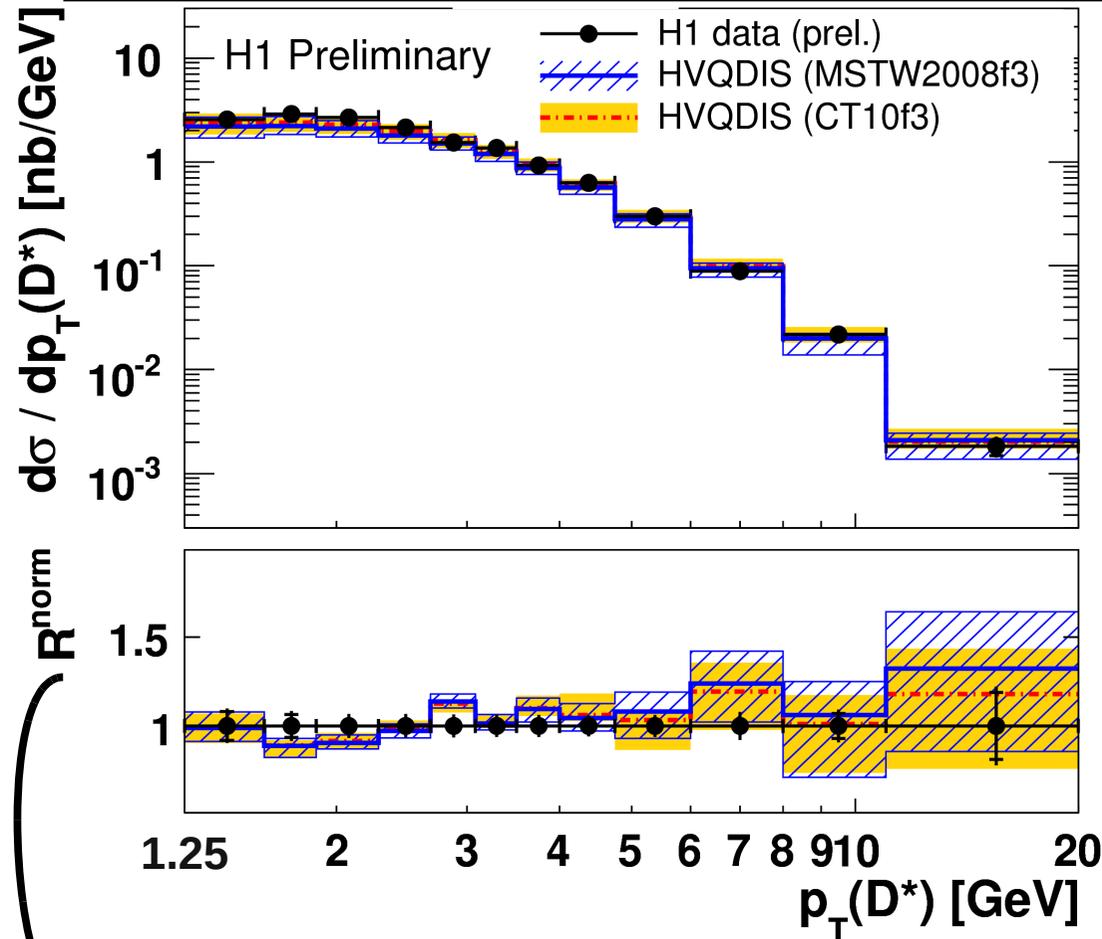
- Full HERAII data set: ~24700 D* mesons (~10x HERAI statistic)
- Born-level cross sections by correcting for radiative effects
- Use regularized Matrix Unfolding for treatment of migrations
- Total systematic error: ~ 7.6%





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Error estimation of the NLO calculation using parameter variation:

charm mass: $1.3 < m_c < 1.7 \text{ GeV}$

renormalization & factorization scale:

$$0.5 < \mu_{f,r}/\mu_0 < 2$$

$$\text{with } \mu_0^2 = Q^2 + 4m_c^2$$

fragmentation: at threshold ($\bar{s} < 70 \text{ GeV}^2$)

$$\alpha(\text{Kartvelishvili}) = 6.1^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$$

$\bar{s} > 70 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\alpha(\text{Kartvelishvili}) = 3.3 \pm 0.4$$

Shape comparison

via normalized ratio:

$$R = \frac{1/\sigma_{\text{tot,vis}}^{\text{calc}} \cdot \frac{d\sigma^{\text{calc}}}{dY}}{1/\sigma_{\text{tot,vis}}^{\text{data}} \cdot \frac{d\sigma^{\text{data}}}{dY}}$$

- All normalization uncertainties in data & NLO are removed in

R^{norm} : only shape comparison

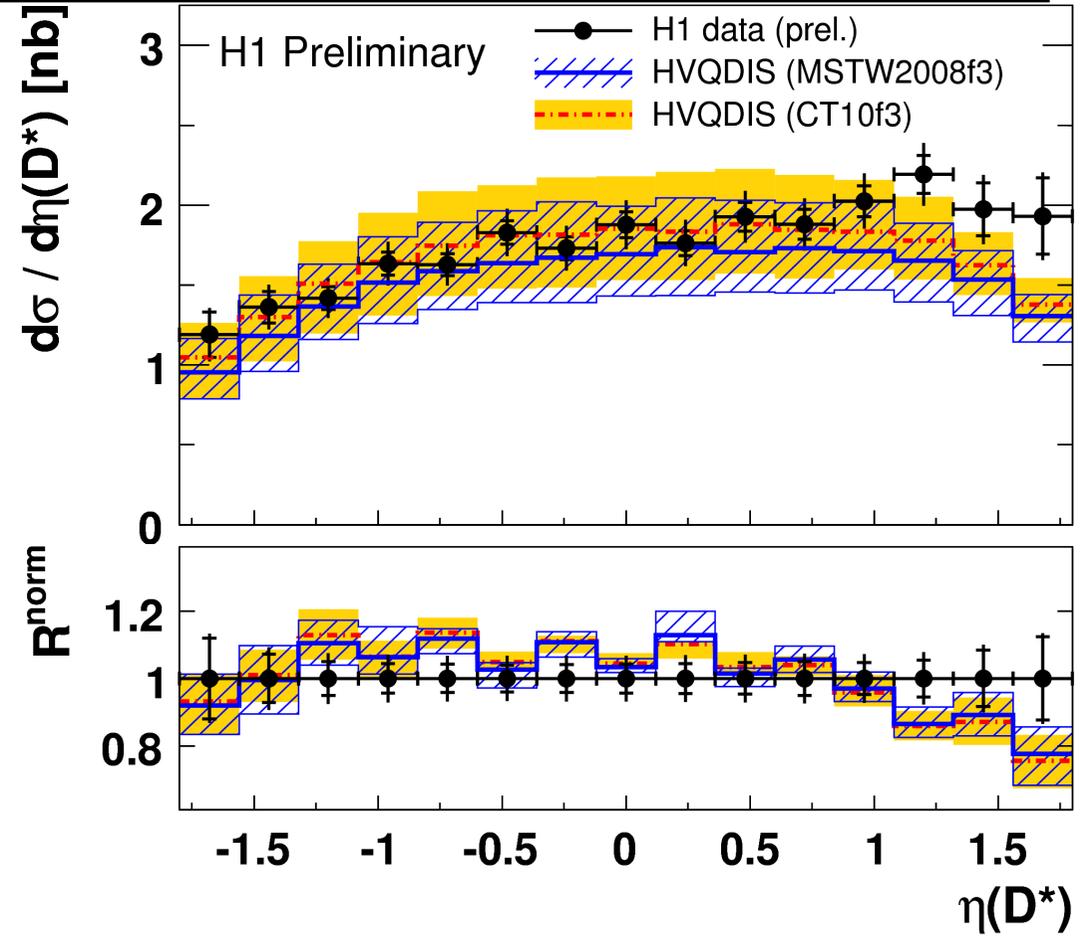
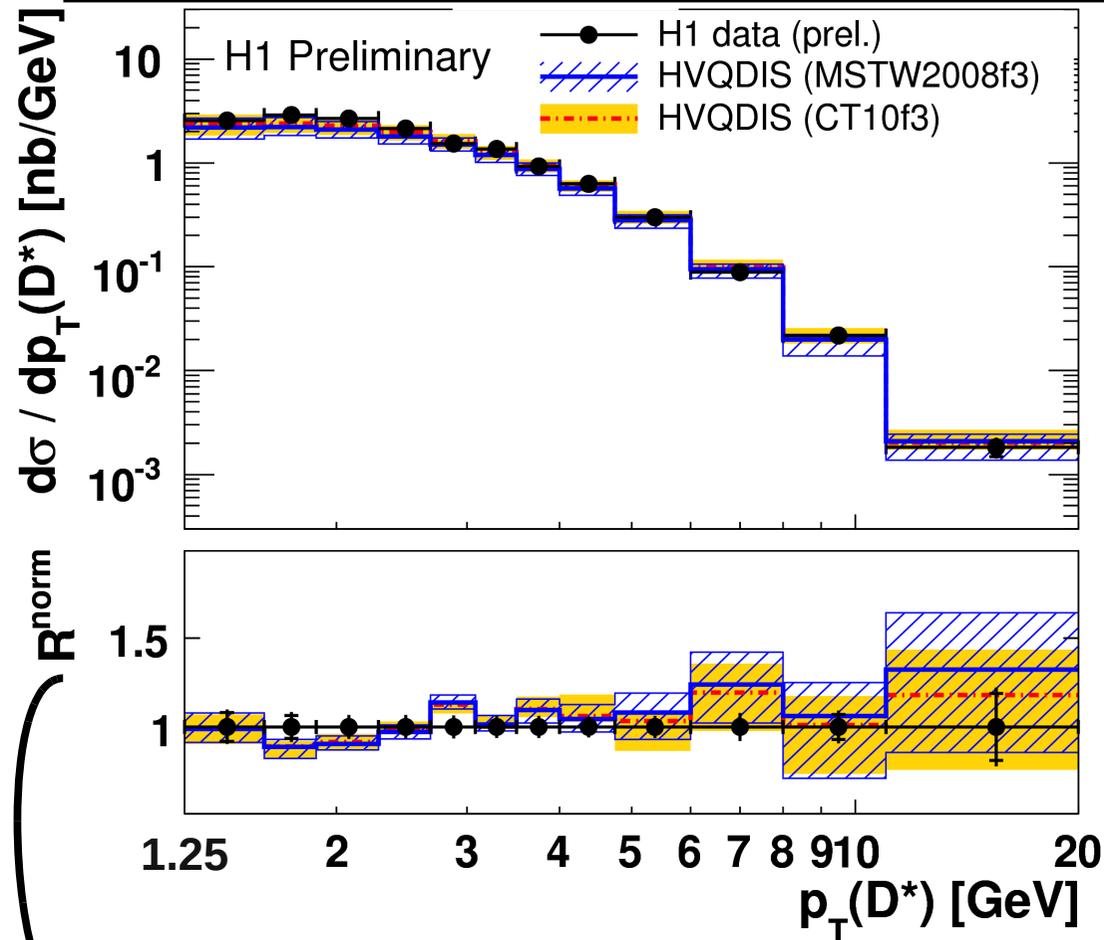
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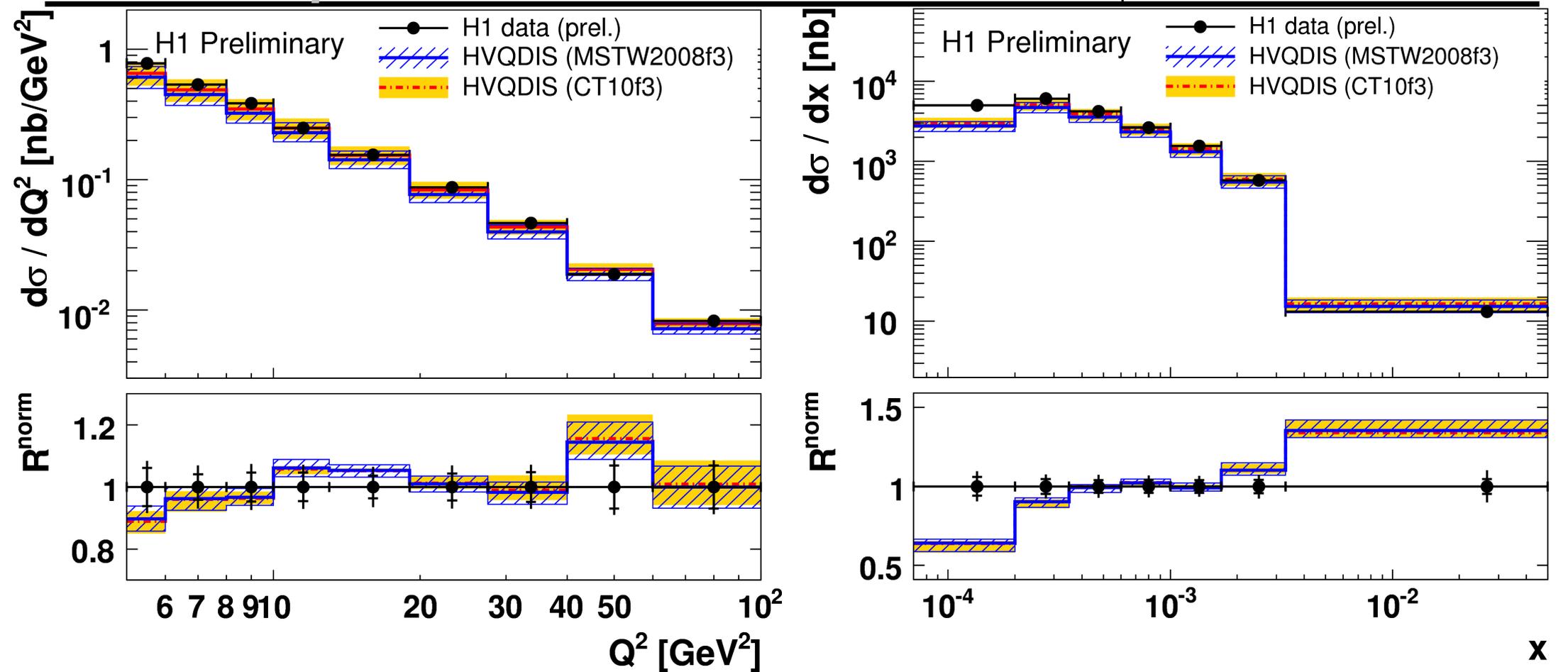
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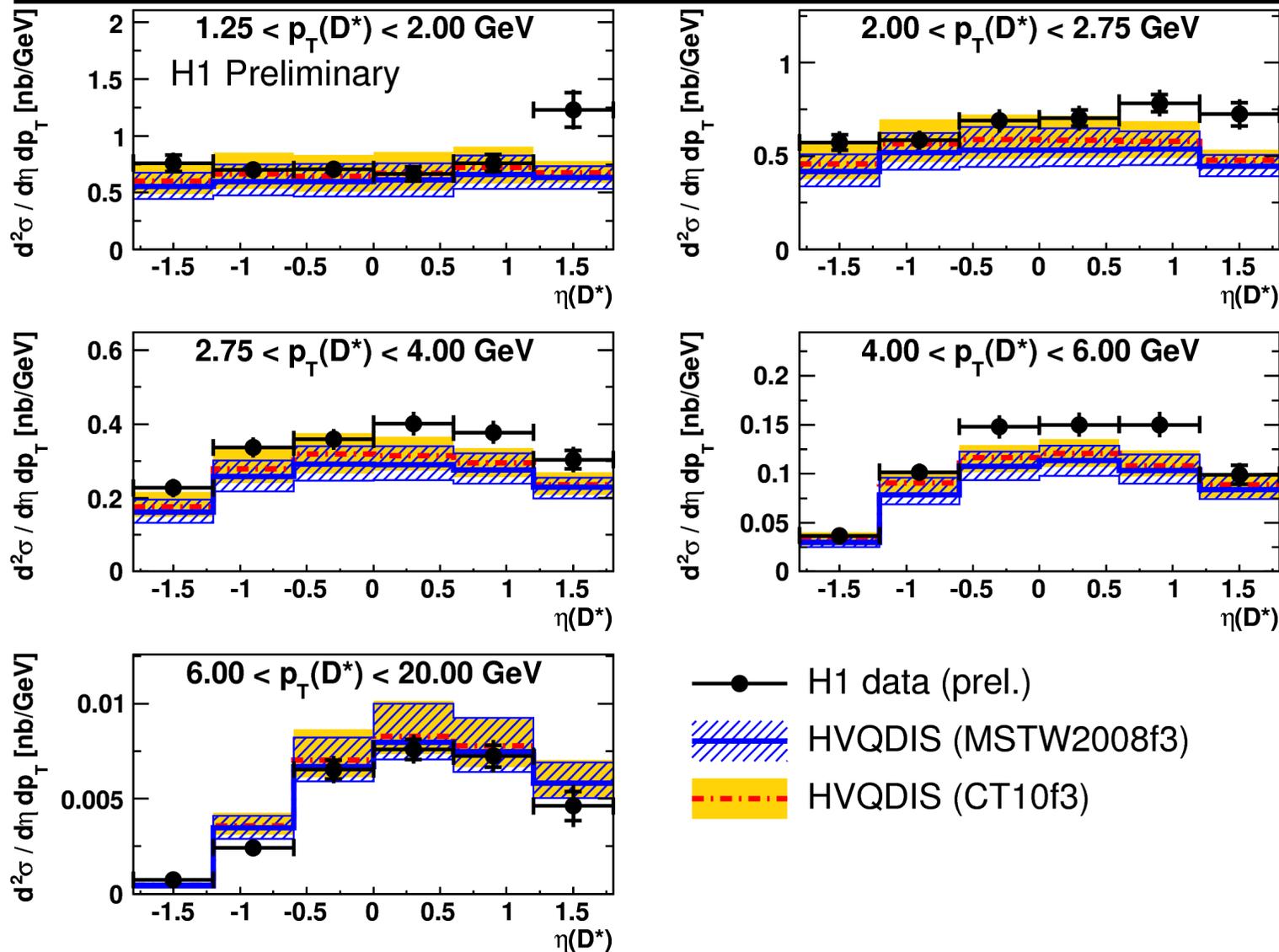
- HVQDIS describes nicely the Q^2 dependency
- Slope in x not very well reproduced!
- Double differential y - Q^2 has also been measured, can be used to extract $F_2^c(x, Q^2)$





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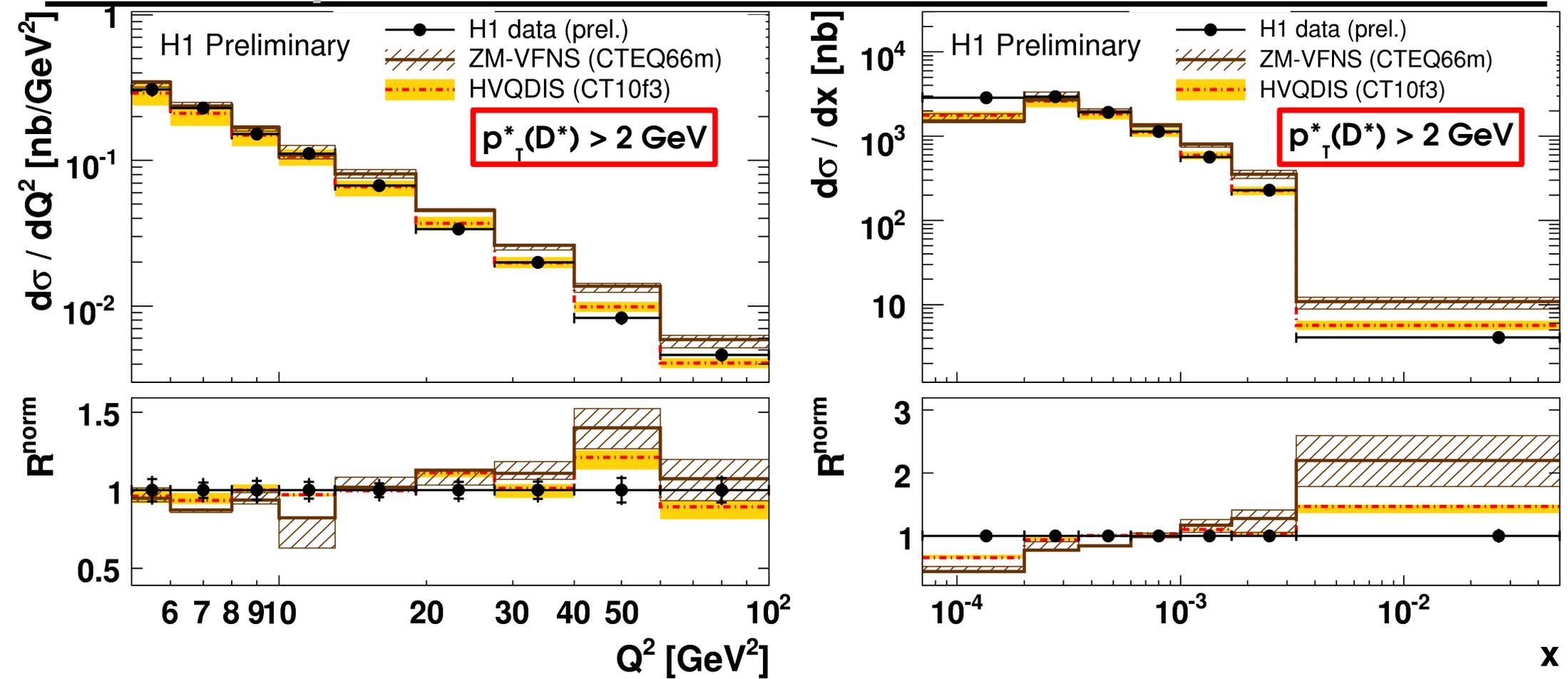
- In general $\eta(D^*)$ - $p_T(D^*)$ cross section reasonable described by HVQDIS
- Forward direction: HVQDIS undershoots data located at low $p_T(D^*)$





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- For comparison with ZM-VFNS: Cut in photon-proton rest frame: $p_T^*(D^*) > 2 \text{ GeV}$
- ZM-VFNS: Theoretical uncertainty taken from scale variations

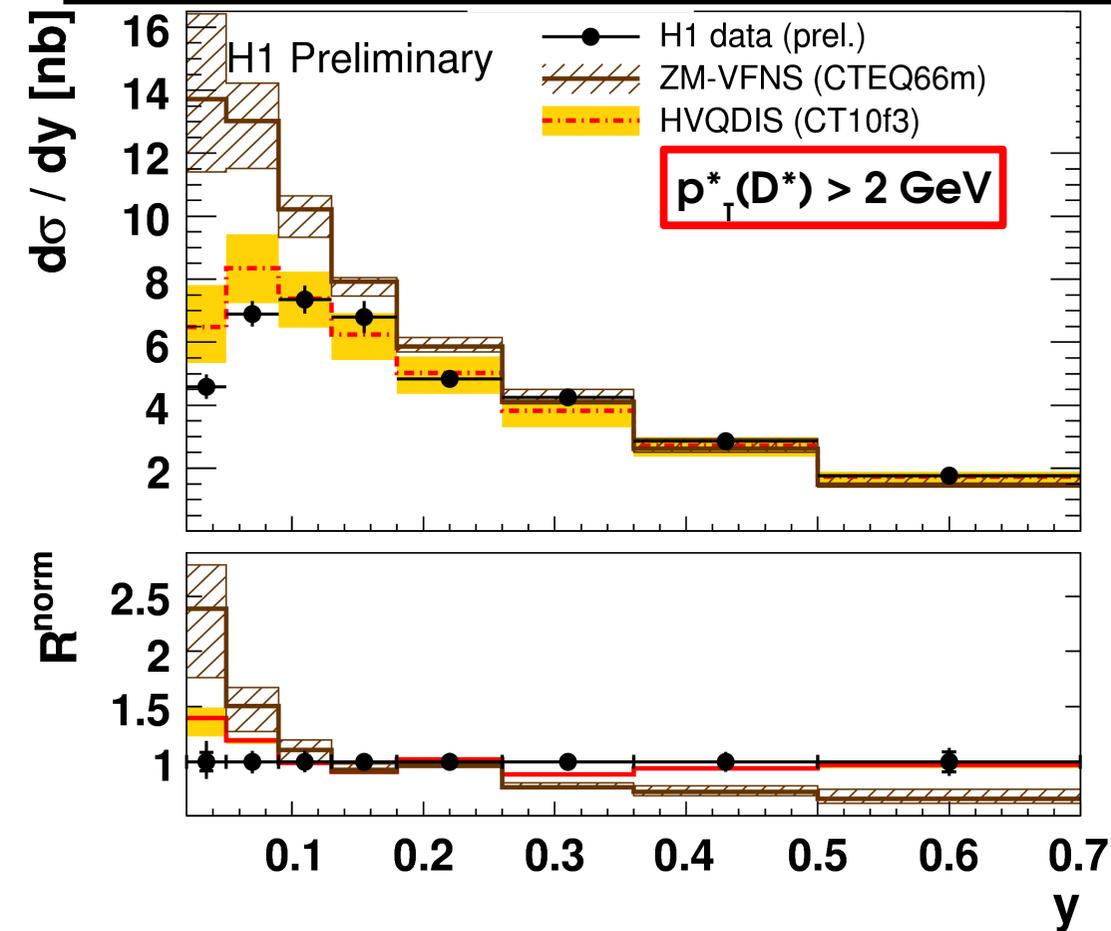
- Reasonable description of Q^2 by both NLO calculations, HVQDIS is better in shape
- ZM-VFNS predicts completely different slope in x & fails especially at large x





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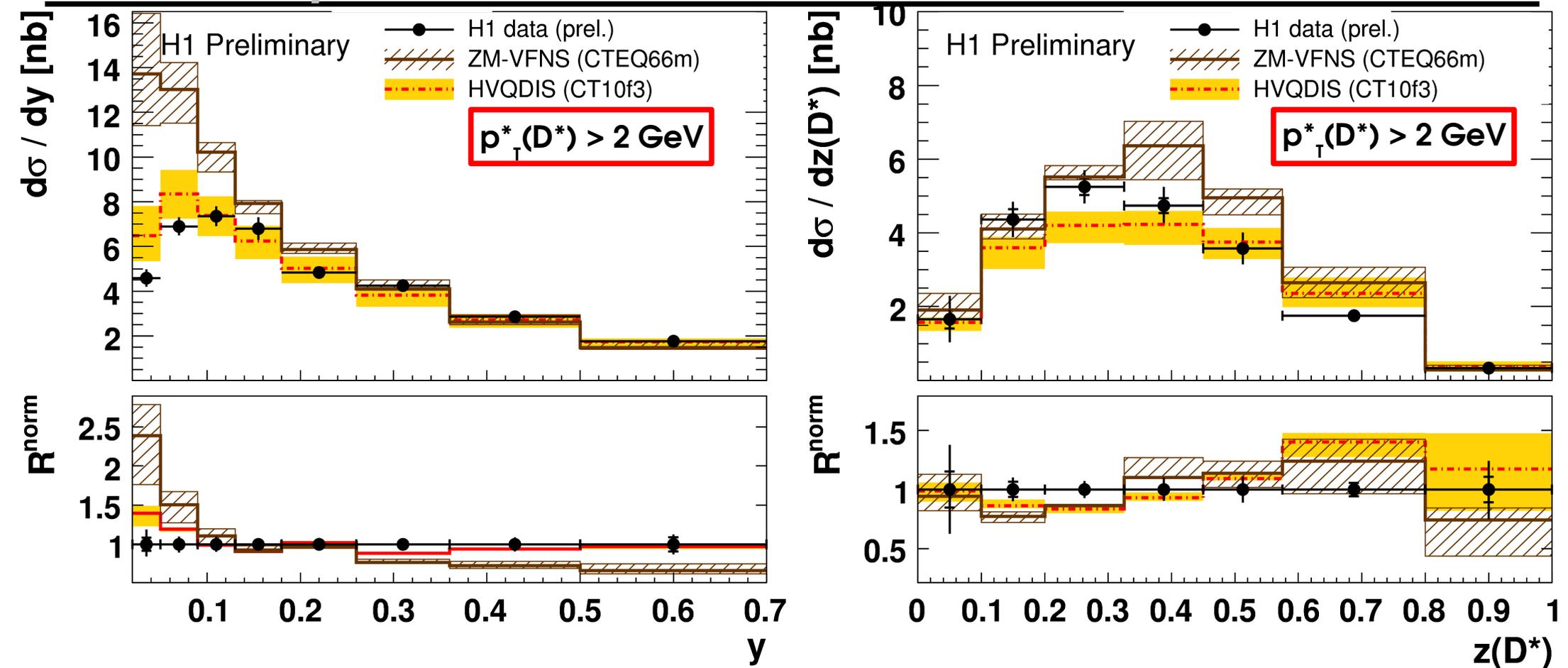
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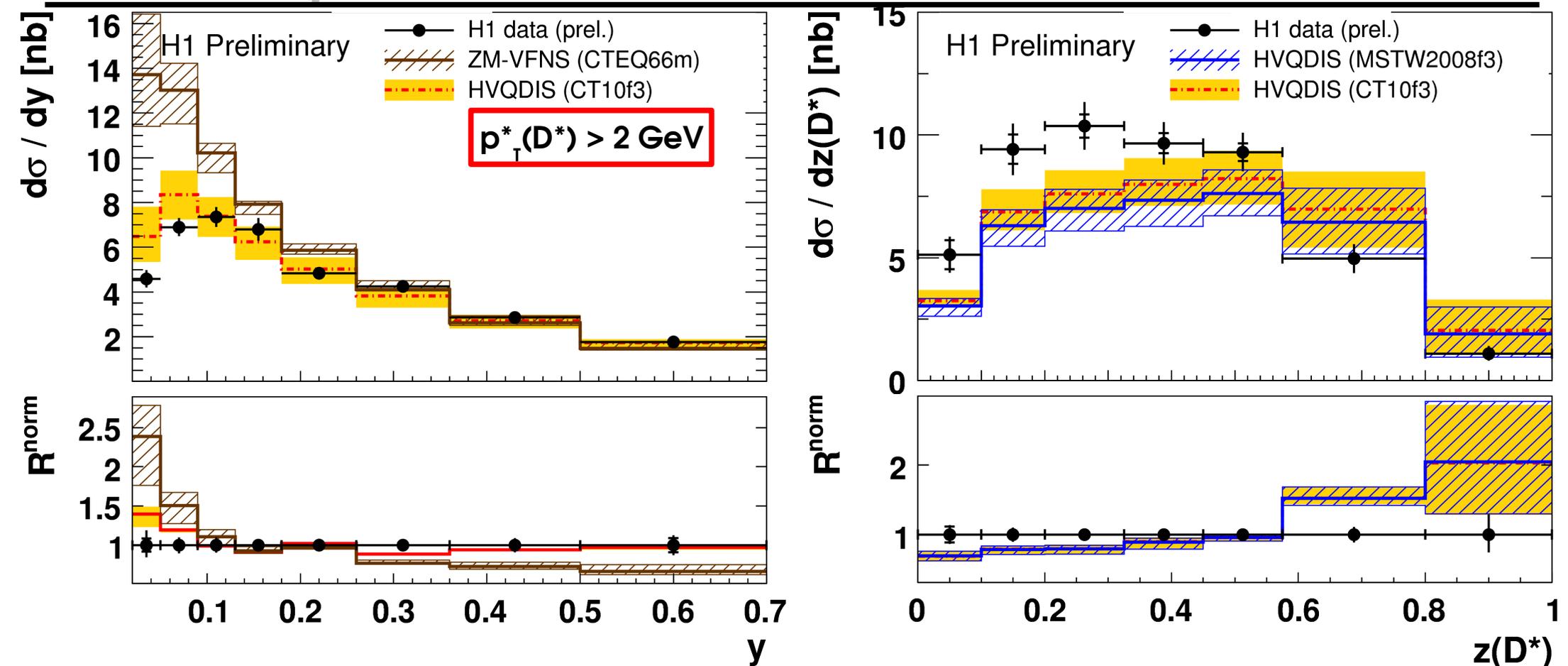
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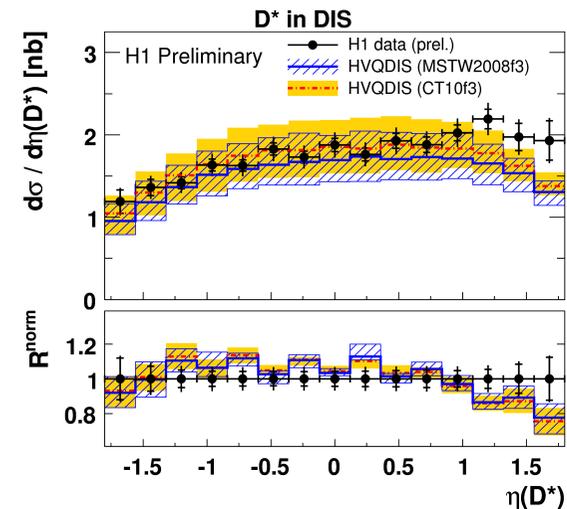
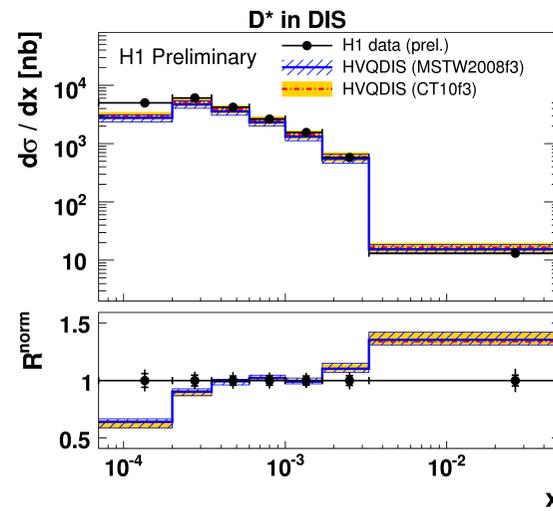
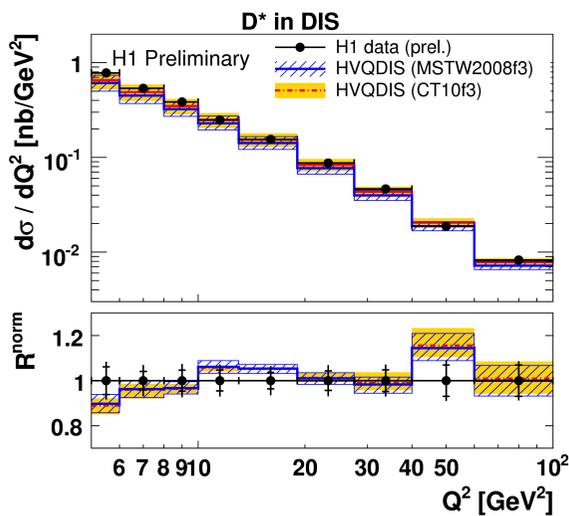
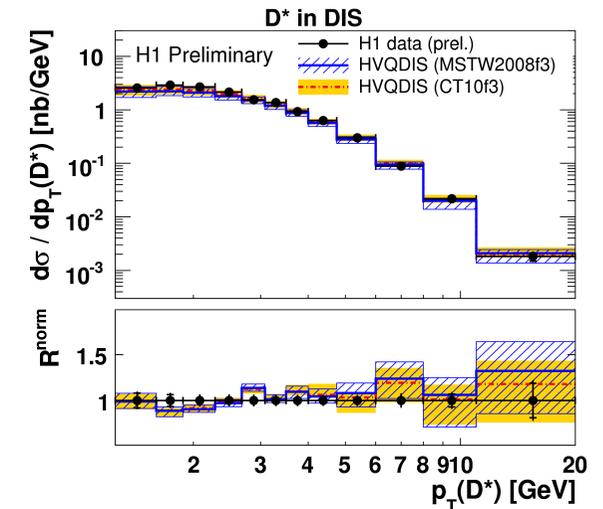


- As seen in x also in y ZM-VFNS fails completely!
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- $z(D^*)$ reasonable described by ZM-VFNS & HVQDIS
- Without the additional $p_T^*(D^*)$ cut HVQDIS fails to describe $z(D^*)$



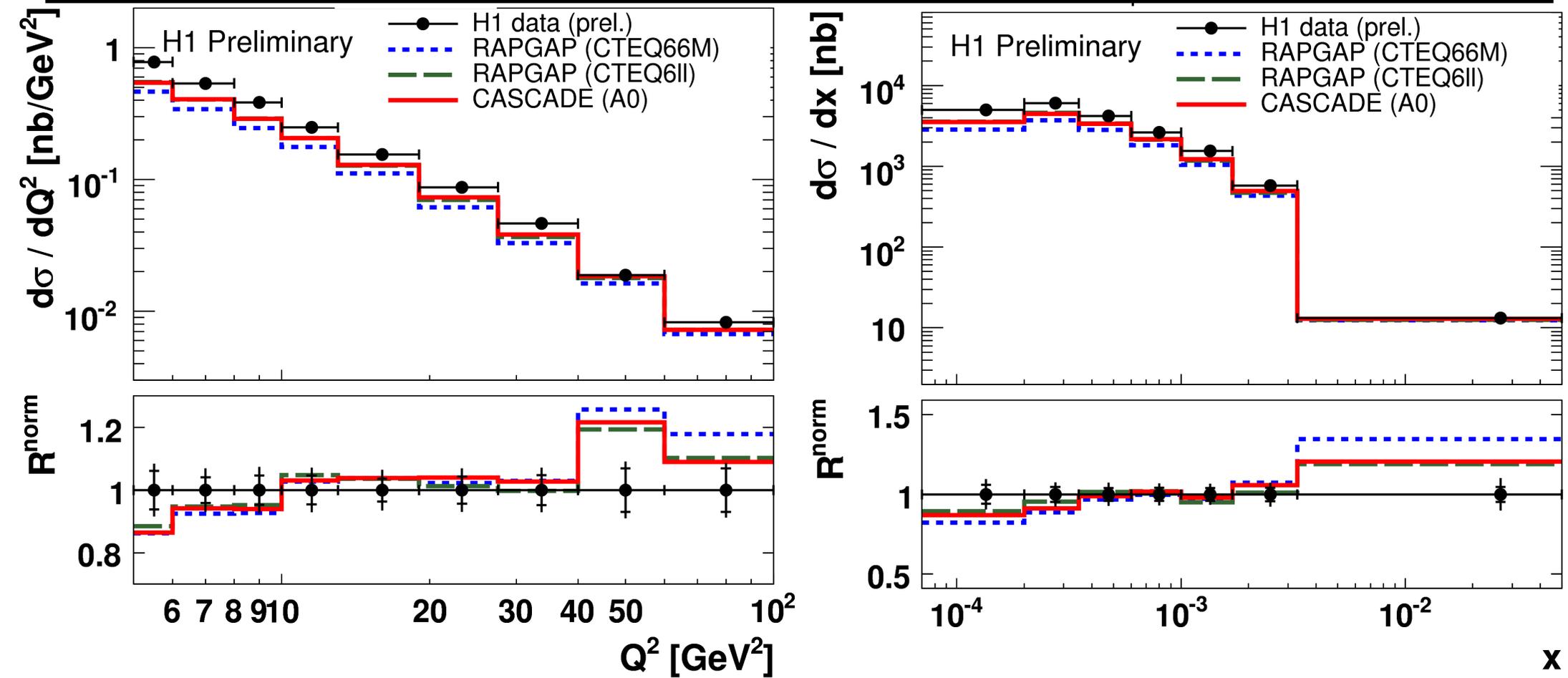
- Full H1 HERA II data sample analyzed for low Q^2 D^* production:

- Increased phase space in η and p_T
- HVQDIS describes data quite reasonable
- ZM calculation fails to describe x (and y)
- The final word on D^* in DIS from HERA II



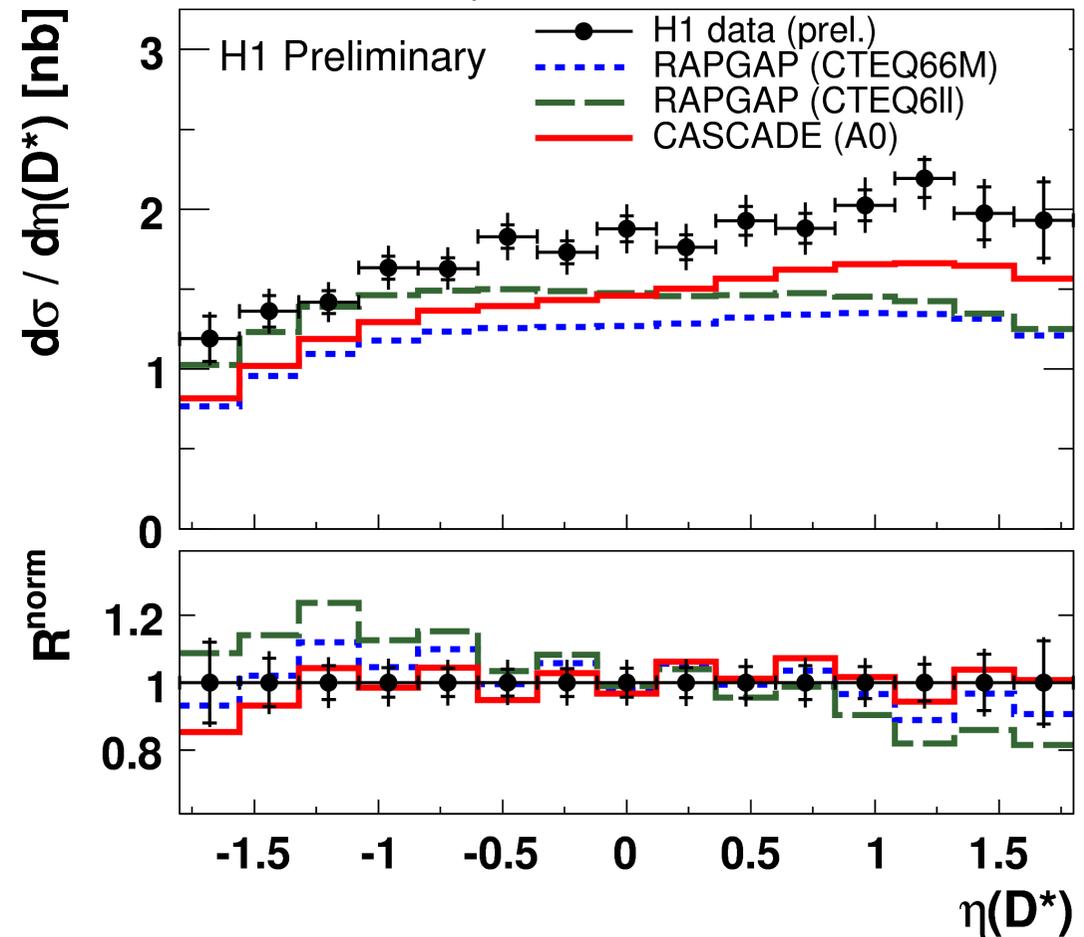
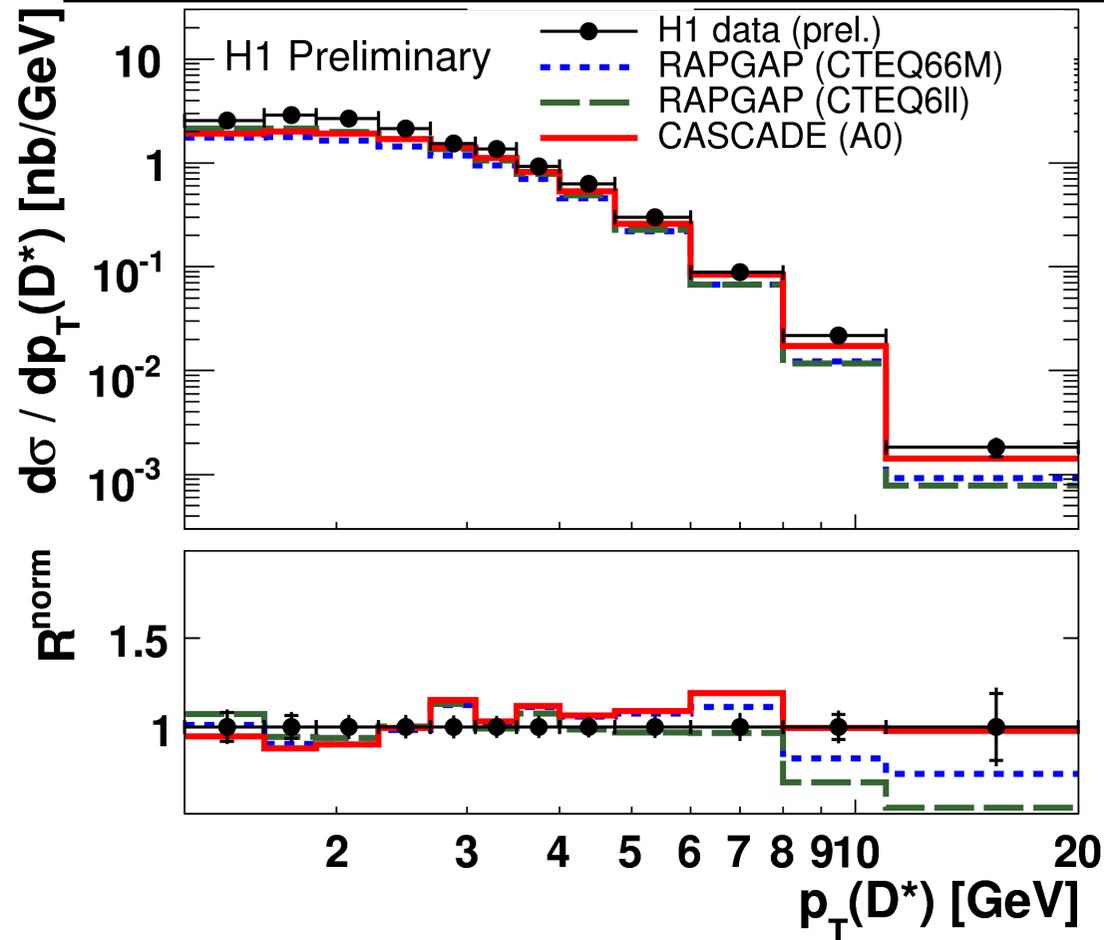


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- Q^2 reasonable described by either RAPGAP or CASCADE
- Compared to HVQDIS the MC describe the slope in x



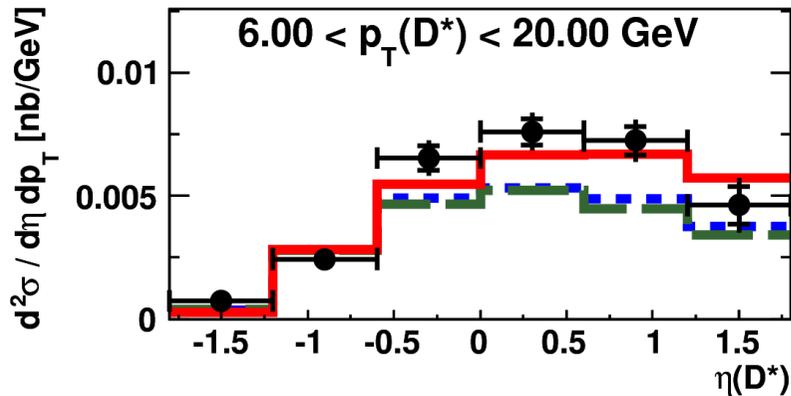
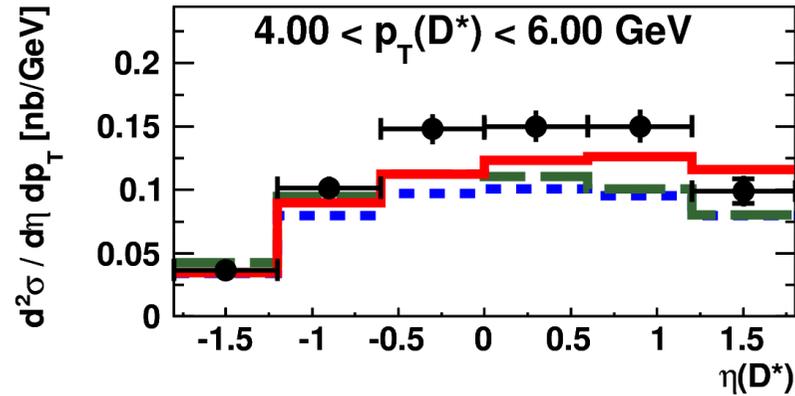
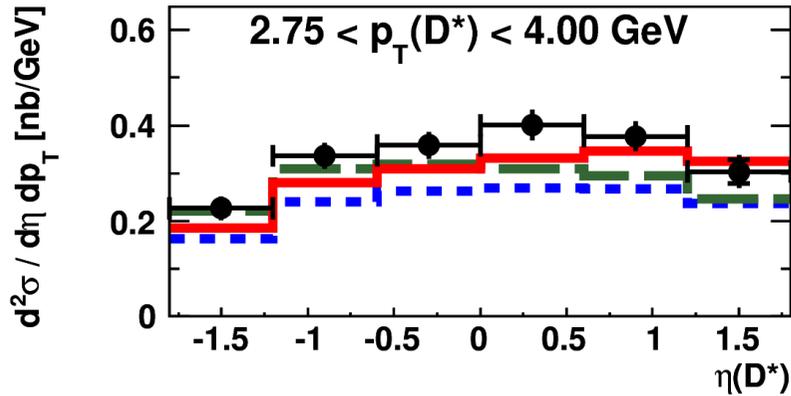
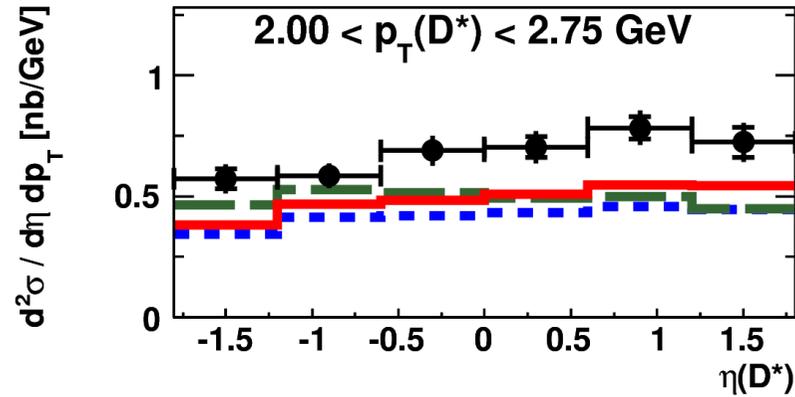
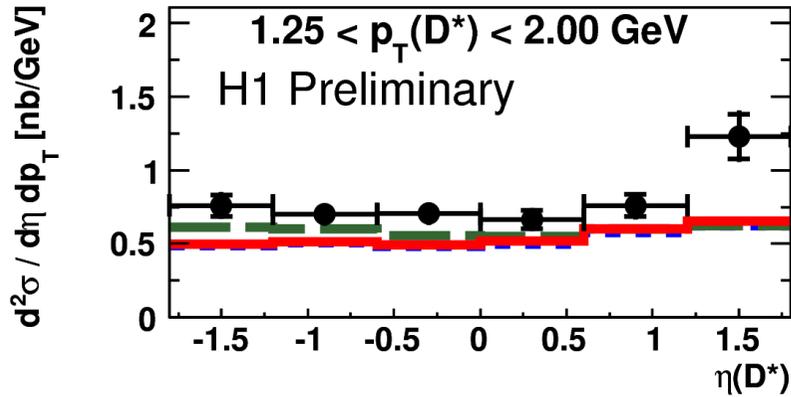


- Reasonable description by RAPGAP
- CASCADE is doing a good job in D^* variables





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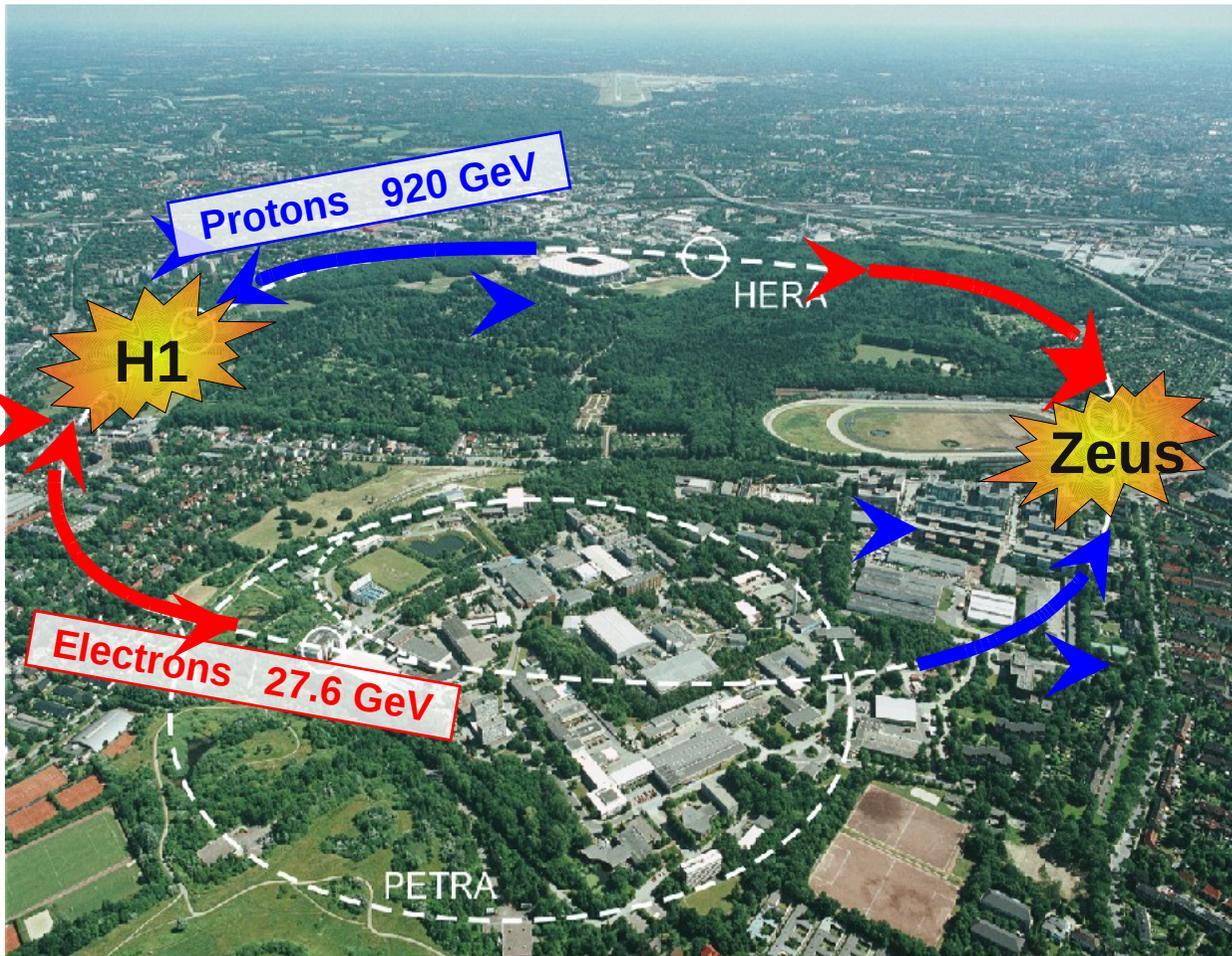


- H1 data (prel.)
- RAPGAP (CTEQ66M)
- RAPGAP (CTEQ6II)
- CASCADE (A0)

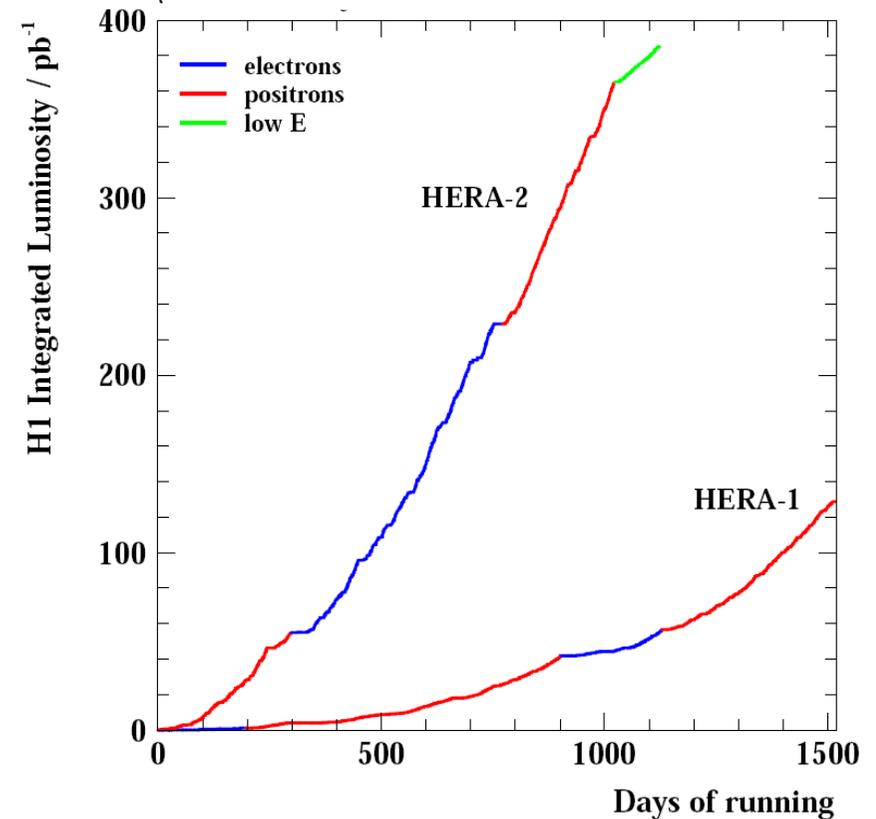




The HERA Collider (1994-2007)



Collected Data samples:



--> Two multi-purpose detectors: H1 & Zeus

--> Collected Luminosity: HERA I + HERA II $\sim 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



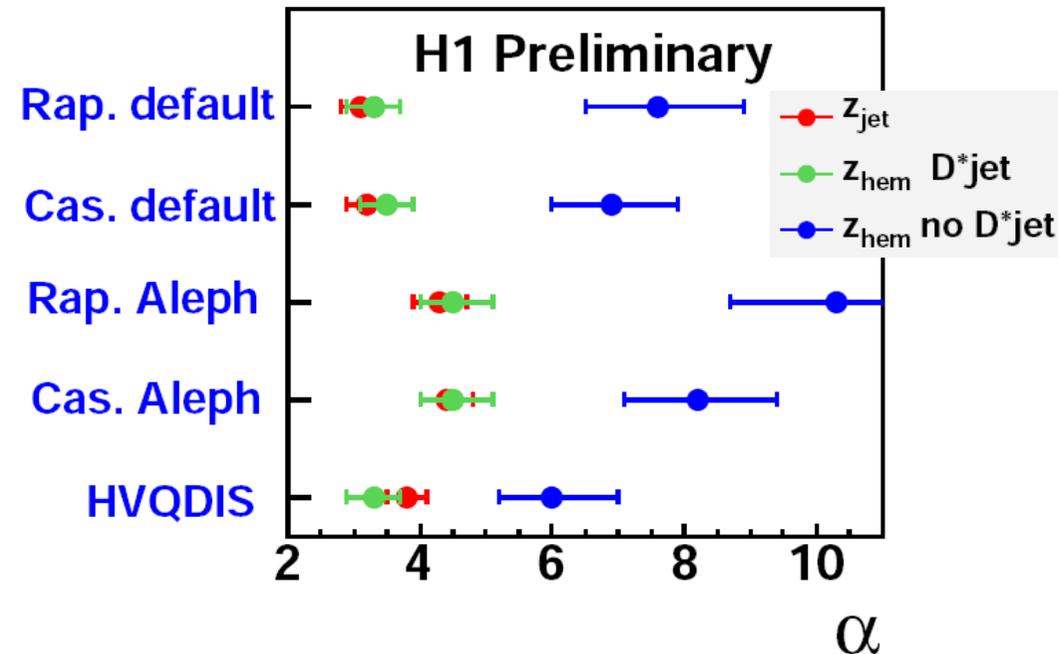


Fragmentation function

- If **a hard scale** is involved:
 - jet- & hemisphere method agree well
 - FF also agrees with ZEUS and LEP data
- If **no hard scale** is involved:
 - discrepancy at charm production threshold in QCD models
 - much harder fragmentation

More information:

<http://arxiv.org/abs/0808.1003v2>



- Fragmentation uncertainty from FF values for charm production:

HVQDIS:

$$\alpha = 6.0^{+1.0}_{-0.8}$$

CASCADE:

$$\alpha = 8.2 \pm 1.1$$

RAPGAP:

$$8.7 < \alpha < 12.2$$

at-threshold:

above-threshold:

$$\alpha = 3.3 \pm 0.4$$

$$\alpha = 4.6 \pm 0.6$$

$$3.9 < \alpha < 5.0$$

- Threshold position from \hat{s} (cms energy of hard subprocess):

$$70 \pm 20 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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